THEFT OF OUR MINERAL RESOURCES IN THE GREAT LAKES STATES

The current surge of modern piracy emerged in 2006, at the Kennecott Eagle site, Marquette. Like old-style pirates Kennecott proposed to higrade very rich copper/nickel ore and ship it abroad, leaving lower but fair-grade ore in the ground, inaccessible. They had already performed a similar operation at Flambeau, Wisconsin, a very rich copper/gold deposit. Proceeds there too went to Rio Tinto, in London.

I am most familiar with the Eagle because I was one of three mining experts selected to evaluate the mining proposal. <u>We were all astounded by the very poor quality of the document and recommended that it be returned to sender as unacceptable on all counts.</u> It could have been thrown together by a bunch of freshmen with a miners' handbook which they did not understand. Apparently not one knowledgeable person had read it. You can find it online if you wish. "Kennecott Eagle Permit".

<u>The "responsible" agency, MDEQ, accepted it anyway and, despite our vigorous, well-founded objections they gave Kennecott all they asked for. Their experts either were ignorant or they lied, or both, as if immune in legal proceedings. Our expert testimony was not disputed but ignored.</u>

The permit became illegal on Day One when both the Project Manager and Foth's Engineering agent signed letters covering the application for a permit, assuring us that it had been prepared to satisfy the requirements of Part 632 of Michigan Mining Law. That document specifies that submission of false information in permitting proceedings constitutes a felony, with severe penalties, including prison terms. The false information in abundance, including those letters, should mean that the writers were destined to have been incarcerated – to end the proceedings – ten years ago. **<u>MDEQ deliberately failed to uphold that law.</u>**

Instead that lying duo were not even reprimanded, but went on to see the permits granted – then to perform similar criminal activities at other mining properties, using similar dishonest tactics, with court and political approval, including DEQs and Attorneys General and Governors. All collaborated with the crooks.

I sought justice at all higher levels but failed to get any – on this technicality – that the EPA had given MDEQ jurisdiction over all mining activities in Michigan. Even the US Attorney General, the EPA, the Corps of Engineers and the FBI declined to intervene. In effect they endorse the crimes.

Another requirement is that a similar metallic sulfide mine somewhere must have performed without significant damage to environment, and Flambeau has been held up as a shining example - but falsely. Wisconsin DNR measurements show how miserably they have failed. Ask them for the data. It's free.

That and the Michigan rule against "false information" should suffice to stop those permits for the Eagle, the new Eagle Extension, and the proposed "Back Forty" projects, and to punish those responsible for the law infringements, and the piracy.

<u>Since very few people can comprehend or envision the magnitude of 4.7 billion dollars - the original value of the Eagle orebody, it is essential that this term be brought down to earth.</u>

<u>$4,700,000,000. "Billion" is used because it does boggle the mind.</u>

If I were to spend that much money at Copper Country Ford to purchase mid-range pickup trucks for everybody, around $35,000 apiece, they would be happy to deliver 134,428 of them. If each took up 20 feet on the shoulder the line would be about 500 miles long. From Houghton MI to Detroit if we left a few intersections open.

Maybe my calculator is broke?   No.   Now figure the value of Minnesota's Polymet project, currently promoted by the same scoundrels ....   Much, much more loot !

OK people.   There you all have the facts - you and the law and the politicians. Please correct the situation.

Stop the proceedings immediately and prosecute the violators. Remember how much we could lose, in addition to our environment. WE ARE NOT ALL DUMB, ARE WE?

Thankyou,

Citizen Name / Ex. 6

A full resume is on line.